

Snow Storm Preparedness Tips

Before a snow storm strikes...be prepared.

At home and/or work, it is a good idea to have the following items available...

- flashlights and extra batteries
- canned food and a manual can opener
- bottled water
- any essential medications
- a first aid kit.
- sufficient heating fuel
- a working fire extinguisher and smoke detector
- salt or sand
- a battery powered radio
- snow shovels
- if you have a generator, check to see that it is ready to operate, if needed, and located outdoors away from windows, vents, and combustibles

Make sure your pets have plenty of food, water, and shelter.

Make sure your vehicle is fully fueled, checked, and winterized.

If you must travel in a vehicle during a snow storm, be sure to carry a Winter Storm Survival Kit that includes blankets, a cell phone, a flashlight with extra batteries, a shovel, and a map.

If you become stranded in your vehicle ensure that the tail pipe is clear of any snow, stay inside the vehicle, and run the engine 10 minutes each hour for heat. Keep a window open to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and from time to time exercise body parts to keep blood circulating to help keep warm.

Tie a colored cloth to your vehicle.

If caught outside, try to stay dry and cover exposed body parts.